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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA TO URGE ITALIAN ACTION ON SOUTH TYROL
AUTONOMY

1. IN MEETING FEBRUARY 27 WITH SOUTH TYROLEAN DELEGATION LED BY PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN, GOVERNOR SILVIO MAGNAGO, AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BIELKA AGREED GOA WOULD SHORTLY REMIND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTONOMY PACKAGE FOR SOUTH TYROL WAS BEHIND SCHEDULE AND INDICATE ITS EXPECTATION THAT ITALY WOULD TAKE DECISIONS DURING CURRENT YEAR ON UNFULFILLED POINTS. PARTIES AGREED QUESTION OF PROPORTIONAL ETHNIC DISTRIBUTION IN CIVIL SERVICE JOBS IN BALZANO PROVINCE WAS PARTICULARLY URGENT, AND GOA AGREED TO SUGGEST THAT NO ITALIANS BE ASSIGNED TO SUCH JOBS UNTIL QUESTION IS RESOLVED. MAGNAGO TOLD PRESS AFTERWARDS THAT FAILURE OF ITALY TO ACT THIS YEAR COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER INTERNATIONALIZATION OF PROBLEM. MFA SOUTH TYROL DESK OFFICER (PARAK) EXPRESSED SAME VIEW TO EMBOFF MARCH 2.

2. SOUTH TYROLEAN DELEGATION DESCENDED ON MFA SUDDENLY AS RESULT OF PRESS FLAP THAT AROSE FROM WHAT PARAK TERMS "MISUNDERSTANDING": MAGNAGO HAD APPARENTLY ASSUMED FROM BALZANO NEWSPAPER EDITOR'S QUERY CONCERNING POSSIBLE BIELKA VISIT TO ROME THAT VISIT WAS SCHEDULED EVEN THOUGH ACCEPTANCE OF LONGSTANDING GOI INVITATION
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WAS TO BE CONTINGENT UPON SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN

IMPLEMENTATION OF AUTONOMY PACKAGE. PARAK SAID ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO AWARE OF THIS CONTINGENCY; THUS NO DATE FOR VISIT TO ROME HAD IN FACT BEEN SET AND NONE WOULD BE WITHOUT GOA FIRST CONSULTING SOUTH TYROLEANS.

3. PARAK SAID GOA AGREED WITH SOUTH TYROLEANS THAT "SATISFACTORY PROGRESS" ON AUTONOMY PACKAGE MEANT AGREEMENT ON AT LEAST ONE OF TWO OUTSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES (I.E. ON THIRD MP FOR BALZANO PROVINCE SO AS TO GUARANTEE SEATS FOR TWO ETHNIC AUSTRO-GERMANS, OR ON QUESTION OF PROVINCIAL VERSUS REGIONAL COMPETENCIES, AS IN MATTER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES) AND AGREEMENT ON PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES THAT WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO REDRESS ETHNIC IMBALANCE IN CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYMENT. PARAK SAID IMBALANCE HAD ACTUALLY INCREASED AFTER ADOPTION OF 1974 CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION FOR TWO-TO-ONE DISTRIBUTION THROUGH FILLING OF 2,000 POSITIONS OF 6,000-POSITION SERVICE WITH YOUNG ITALINS. HE SAID GOI PROPOSAL FOR HIRING NOW AT TWO-TO-ONE RATIO WAS UNACCEPTABLE SINCE, EVEN AT NINE-TO-ONE, AGREED PARITY COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED UNTIL 2005.

4. COMMENT: OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT BIELKA AND CHANCELLOR KREISKY WERE PIQUED OVER SUDDEN PUBLIC DRAMATIZATION BY MAGNAGO OF SOUTH TYROL AUTONOMY ISSUE. MAGNAGO'S VIENNA VISIT UNINTENTIONALLY GENERATES INVIDIOUS COMPARISON BETWEEN MAJOR STEPS UNDERTAKEN THUS FAR BY GOI TO FULFILL ITS TREATY COMMITMENTS VIS-A-VIS SOUTH TYROLEAN MINORITY AND CONTINUOUS INABILITY OF GOA TO FULFILL ITS TWENTY-YEAR OLD OBLIGATION UNDER 1955 STATE TREATY TO ERECT BILINGUAL ROAD SIGNS IN CARINTHIAN AREAS INHABITED BY SLOVENE MINORITY.

5. ITALIAN EMBASSY SOURCE INDICATED FOREWARD MOVEMENT BY GOI ON TWO PENDING LEGAL ISSUES WAS ALREADY SCHEDULED PRIOR TO MAGNAGO VISIT TO VIENNA. CIVIL SERVICE RECRUITMENT IS, HOWEVER, MUCH THORNIER ISSUE SINCE SOUTH TYROLEANS, ACCORDING TO SOURCE, ARE UNABLE IN MANY CASES TO MEET COMPETITIVE, BILINGUAL STANDARDS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (AUSTRIANS CLAIM EXAMS ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNFAIR AND INCOMPETENTLY ADMINISTERED), AND GOI IS LIKELY TO GO SLOW ON ANY MOVE TO DISADVANTAGE ITALIANS FOR BENEFIT OF AUSTRO-GERMANS IN FILLING GOVERNMENT JOBS.BUCHANAN

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